[*English*]

IDA Loan for Leprosy and Aids Control

977. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to obtain loan from the International Development Association for prevention programme of leprosy and AIDS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Negotiations have been concluded with the World Bank for providing an assistance of US $ 85 million (Rs. 229.5 crores) for National AIDS Control Project, which will be implemented for a period of five years from 1st April, 1992. Assistance of US $ 85 million is expected to be provided by the International Development Association (soft loan affiliate of the World Bank).

A comprehensive project for control of Leprosy has been sent to the World Bank for appraisal.

Activities for prevention and control of AIDS to be undertaken under AIDS control project are as under:

- Programme Management
- Surveillance
- Blood Safety
- Information, education and communication
- Control of sexually transmitted diseases
- Condom promotion
- Case management

The project for Leprosy covers the following areas:

- Support to implement MDT through vertical NLEP
- staff in 66 endemic districts.
- Support to implement MDT (Modified) in 77 districts with prevalence rate between 2-5 through PH care staff.
- Information, Education and Communication support to NLEP in India.
- Strengthening of Monitoring & Evaluation of NLEP in India.
- Support to disability & ulcer care and rehabilitation services in NLEP–India
- Support to training and Man-power development for World Bank Projects in NLEP in India.

Fast Train between Kolhapur and Bombay V.T.

978. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN:
SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been

received to introduce a direct fast train between Kolhapur and Bombay V.T. and Solapur and Bombay for the convenience of passengers of South-Western Maharashtra and Konkan regions;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce such trains on the routes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). At present there is no proposal to introduce an additional train between Kolhapur and Bombay. However, a new superfast express train will be introduced between Bombay and Bangalore via Sholapur with effect from 1.7.1992.

[*Translation*]

Construction of a Railway Station in Gurgaon

979. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for construction of a railway station in Gurgaon on Daund-Manmad line of Central Railway;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to accord approval to this scheme in the near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The proposal for opening of a halt station at Ghargaon between Belvandi an Visapur stations has been examined but found neither financially justified nor feasible from the engineering point of view.

Technical Education in Indian Languages

980. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to arrange for proving infrastructure for imparting technical and scientific education in Indian languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made, if any, in this regard; and

(c) the time by which tangible result/progress is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is no specific proposal at present to provide infrastructure for imparting technical and scientific education in Indian languages.

(b) and (d). Does not arise.

Excavation in U.P.

981. SHRI RAM NIHORE RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the places selected by the Archaeological Department for excavation in